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A defense contractor warns about a satellite arms race.

Robert Kirk, president of the Vought Corp., a defense contractor in Dallas, has called for international curbs on new "killer satellites" to avert a possible arms race in space. The Vought Corp. has a defense contract to design such a satellite, of a type believed similar to the Soviet satellite that disinvegrated over Canada last week. Kirk said he could not discuss the details of his company's work but that "because of some of the things I've seen... our stakes getting awfully high." Kirk said a broad international treaty was needed. "CIA Director Stansfield Turner told reporters yesterday that Soviet "killer satellites" were capable of shooting down U.S. satellites.